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Prior to the child support reform legislation in 1999, the administration of and fiscal responsibility for child support services rested with local governments. However, since the creation of the State Department of Child Support Services, the Child Support Services Department (CSSD) has become a state-directed, locally-delivered program. The funding for CSSD is shared between the federal (paying 2/3) and state governments (paying 1/3.)

According to the Director of the State Department of Child Support Services, the Los Angeles County CSSD has been returning unallocated funds for the past three years as follows: \$8 million in 2000, \$3.2 million in 2001 and \$7.7 million in 2002.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct the Auditor-Controller and the Chief Administrative Officer to work in concert with the Child Support Services Department (CSSD) to:

1. Identify all avenues available to the Child Support Services Department to gain more funding from the state and federal governments;
2. Conduct an audit of CSSD's existing service contracts for cost efficiency and effectiveness;
3. Review the current curtailments contemplated by the CSSD, including the proportion of the cuts to services and supplies to cuts in staffing;
4. Find creative solutions to minimize the number of staff layoffs; and,
5. Report back to the board with findings and recommendations of the above in 30 days.

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